

KEEP THE FIRES BURNING

A PUBLICATION BY AND FOR CALIFORNIA PRISONERS

From the Outside:

Local Happenings:

IWOC attended a protest at CTF in early November to support families who are speaking out about ongoing repression there as well as the use of Non-Designated Programming Facilities. Some of these family members were recently interviewed on Kimeline radio. We are humbled by their consistent dedication.

Gladiator fights under the guise of so-called 'incremental releases' have been officially acknowledged by CDCr amid promises that the practice has ended. The department's public treatment of the issue was full of outright lies and rhetorical tricks to try and present themselves as peacemakers. Inside and outside, we responded promptly by setting the record straight publicly with our own account.

The local county jail here in Oakland engaged in a hunger and work strike recently. Called for only one day, the strike spread over at least three days and at least 300 participants. The sheriff's office lied, promising not to retaliate against their peaceful action. Some have faced extended stays and privilege losses, but support on the outside was strong and rapid, mobilizing phone zap and press releases. We're still standing by for more information as events unfold.

We are currently preparing to host a convergence of our network, and are seeking input from all of you. Alongside this newsletter we are including a survey to help facilitate participation and feedback from y'all. Please take a second to send us your thoughts so we can incorporate your perspectives in the conversations that are had. Looking forward to hearing from you!

SOLIDARITY THIS SEASON!

Holiday Cards for Family, Friends, and Loved Ones!

In collaboration with Support the Homegrrrlz, The John Brown Prisoner Solidarity Project and the Anarchist Black Cross Federation of Orange County are looking to help folks on the inside spread some warmth and cheer this holiday

ANNOUNCING A CHANGE OF ADDRESS! REACH US AT:

Oakland IWOC
PO BOX 12594
Oakland, CA 94604



We will be phasing out our former address over the next few months.

season. We're providing blank greeting cards to incarcerated people so they can personalize them and send them along to their friends, family, loved ones, and comrades! It's our gift to you, and it's totally free. If you'd like to receive a packet of greeting cards, please send a written request to:

JBPSP
Attn: Holiday Solidarity
PO Box 1137
Chino Hills, CA 91709

Each person who writes in is guaranteed a minimum of ten blank cards. Please specify the number of cards that you would like, and we will mail them out as soon as we hear from you!

From the Inside:

Re: "Struggle & Purpose"

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I never truly comprehended the beauty of the struggle until I learned to look at the pain. In the pain, I realized its purpose: It would either make you or break you...so cliché, I know. However, it is a simple truth about life and the struggle it commands.

These people, i.e., the system has beat me down, broke me in half and thrown me to the wayside. I believed myself to be hopeless and without a chance to be healed or rescued from my injuries, then someone came along who'd been where I was... they gave me a hand to lift me up and a shoulder to be my crutch.

I learned to walk again with hope & I remain standing, despite the state of my struggle. Seeing the pain as a prerequisite to one finding purpose in the struggled has helped me along the way, giving me a confidence to reach out to my Brothers & Sisters with my own weaknesses on display. This FREEDOM... being able to open up with the sensitive things; racial-prejudice, inequality, slave-labor & police-brutality...is what gives one the strength to carry the burdens that other men hoist upon our shoulders.

Thanks! In Solidarity!

-O.F.

Untitled Letter

So When I was at SVSP Level 4 180 yard eop we were shocked one day when the head haunchos came to Do "Team Training" and asked who The 3 cooks were. The 3 cooks were myself H and R They read us some Bullshit memo that said something along the lines of we were under audit and They Found out That our pay was too high at the current Rate of .32 yes .32 cents an hour and That we would all Be Reeducated For A Pay Rate of .26 cents an hour. This happened on BOTH am & pm shifts whom at the time were at odds for political Reasons. That Day We Formed An Alliance And Started to push paperwork To get some answers as to why we were the Targets of Buget cuts.

As It Turns out, That would not be our only problem. A week goes by its all Quiet on the western front. Then the am shift gets reeducated For 4 hours of work. We thought it was a glitch. But, some glitch that was Because a few days later we get reeducated For 4 hours of work and threatened with 115's (RVR's) If we Dont work the full 8 hours of work. My first thought was to take a trip to the shu. Im a grown ass man noone will threaten me with a B/S write up for working without pay...(The Diatribe goes on like this for 40 paragraphs)

But cooler Heads prevailed and suggested Direct nonviolent actions Hell even the police ass pig was on board. But he wanted to wait until The Big Meal of the week when we had no regular (But) we struck immediately. It was epic.not being let out of work to go to groups But Thats a LOAD of shit I've Been EOP for a LONG Time and PALO HAS NEVER EVER EVER Contacted the Kid. So After we Hashed out an AG.

The morning crew walked out promptly at 8:15 am And the p.m. shift at 4:30 pm. I remember some piggie saying "they're striking what are we going to do?" They fed the population on paper plates for about 1 month and Lt. stevenson Met with me and those that struck to come to terms and conditions on Jan 8th 2019 Thats when we Found out that PLO Filed in the Courts that eop Inmates were Reement for overtime pay w/ Lt. Stevenson and a MAXED out pay For All Kitchen workers. I WITHDREW The 602 To Focus on our next Project which was the Leaking cells And Before I could Fully Complete That mission the co-op crumbled.

What I learned from this was not everyone is cut out To Do the Work that needs to Be Done THAT MISSION DRAINED me. Because I was Fully Prepped to go to court until I Found a whammy in the mix. THaT Really Fucked Off the Function And I cannot blame anyone but myself for not vetting who could be or who could not be apart of the festivities.

Divine Power Allah

Untitled Letter

Dear IWOC Oakland,

I am in need of soldiers, writers, warriors, advocates, supporters, and activists to help give birth to a movement directed towards prison abolition.

First, we have to take on, duel, and slay the dragon, which is CDCR, a plight sure to not only prove strenuous, but also certain to result in many casualties, a prime symbol of sacrifice to effect change.

Currently, this non-designated program facility (NDPF) mission has set a blaze to the already infamous rivalry between general population (GP) and sensitive needs yard (SNY) prisoners. The NDPF design merely facilitates the access, increases the violence, and creates what the court recognizes as "imminent danger" conditions.

On March 20th, 2019, I filed a civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 USC section 1983, Williams v. Allison, et al., case no. 1:19-CV-00371-BAM, in the eastern district of California, challenging CDCR's NDPF. On March 25th, 2019, a magistrate judge ruled that the allegations in challenge satisfy the imminent danger requirement set by Andrews v. Cervantes, 493 F.3d 1047 (9th cir. 2007).

In recognizing that there are hundreds of others statewide held hostage to and by the CDCR's NDPF, it is my intent to aid the majority by establishing a defense fund to raise enough money for the right attorney to make this issue a class action lawsuit. I would hope to further establish a practice where we would resist any settlement, no matter how appealing, and demand our right to jury trial as to know justice by its intended form, for all too often CDCR offers settlements in compromise, without accepting any real liability for what wrongs its policies, practices, or employees impose.

Pesky settlements which equate to "hush money" to make an agonized party go away, which is why violations and deprivations persist and are ongoing.

The cost of a lengthy litigation and trial, followed by a most handsome judgement award against CDCR, would compel lasting solutions. It would also not only tame CDCR's shrewd arrogance, but also give breach to the state's oversized budget and thwart operation costs. With this formula, repeated with success, prisons would be forced to close. Without money to provide trivial necessities required to those captive, operations costs, rehabilitative and educational programs, and of course, redundant overtime salaries to employees, CDCR wouldn't see large profits from running prisons. In short, the moment the state realizes it is losing money on its mass incarceration warehouse scheme, the sooner they'll commence letting us go.

For today, in this moment, I share the knowledge of truth to plant a seed sure to grow into freedom from bondage should I success in recruiting all essential elements and the people needed to establish this as a movement.

Have family members, loved ones, supporters, and anyone devoted to being down for contributing to this cause, check out the GoFundMe account and donate to the My Safety Matters Defense Fund.

If you have been injured or for any other reason suffered as a result of this NDPF and have interest in seeking relief but don't quite know how, reach to me personally for aid and support, the same of which I beckon non-captive citizens extend in support of a mission geared towards conquering the dragon.

-JW

Artwork used to support the #MeToo Behind Bars campaign. This organizing coalition strives to lift up experiences of violence, harassment, and hate targeted at queer, transgender, and gender non-conforming prisoners in women's prisons in California and in solidarity with all prisoners facing sexual and gender-based violence across California and the U.S.



Artist: Claudia Gonzales



“Disadvantaged American Families and Generational Poverty”

by J. R. O.

Here in America, only dreams of success are still only dreams, due to the fact that large numbers of assumingly “supposed citizens” have not been afforded an opportunity to stabilize their lives in order to establish functional home environments. There are millions of examples where the absence of a parent contributes to another generation of children with broken lives and dreams that disconnect them from acceptable realms of society. From the beginning of European settlements here in North America, and the institution of indentured servitude and slavery, disadvantaged people have been subjected to seemingly irreversible forms of generational poverty. Families left without any substantial finances or land ownership. Poverty is defined as a state or condition of having very little or nothing at all.

Oppressed citizens shall always remain in a continuous crisis by design, if the “supposed citizens” choose not to better mere existence through education. More often than not, children are left to the bitter reality of poverty associated with becoming high school dropouts, gang members, and drug users. Those influences are further compounded by uneducated single-parent families unable to help navigate the child in question through hard times and difficult circumstances.

Generational poverty tends to spawn a sense of helplessness while assigned the “supposed citizens” to a continued cycle of lack, need, or want. Ideally, education removes families from the scourges of generational poverty. But what happens when opportunities for higher education become an even more so unfulfilled dream of the past? The cycle of generational poverty continues. Unless, the “supposed citizens” begin to educate themselves in order to educate their children.

America has seemingly overnight militarized all of its police agencies, instituting tactics employed by the “Gestapo” and “Black Shirts” during World War II on the subsequent fulfillment of the modern day “prison industrial complex.” The American society as a whole must now begin to question the U.S. government of this camouflaged version of modern day slavery and lifelong servitude as second-class citizens.

The masses of the many lumpen societies here in America must first collectively unite, setting differences of race to one side in order to effectively break their mental shackles which date back to the first landing on Plymouth Rock off the ship called the Mayflower. Then come to understand the true dynamics of present day American capitalism and the establishment of the New World Order under a false precession of supposed democracy based upon hypocrisy. The “American Dream”... to only become merely a dream.

Reporting for the W.L. nolen Mentorship Program

By Chairman KTA

MURDER IS THE CASE: THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL FACILITY ADMINISTRATIVE HAS BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS!!

By definition, of the law, prisoners have a clearly established constitutional right to medical care, and this is per Estelle v. Gamble, 429 U.S. 97 (1976).

But apparently, this law is not applicable to New Afrikan Black People, based upon, an 1857 United States Supreme Court decision, where the Justices ruled:

“The Negro lies so far below Whites on the scale of created beings that they have no rights that Whites are bound to respect.”

—1857 U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Dred Scott Case

Article II. Of the United Nation’s “Geneva Conventions on Genocide” defines the crimes of genocide as meaning any of the following acts:

“An Act committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, or religious group,” such as:

A.) Killing members of the group; B.) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; C.) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; D.) imposing measures intended to prevent birth within the group; and E.) forcibly transferring children of the group to another group...”

There is no other way to describe what’s going on at the California Medical Facility (C.M.F.) (aka “Vacaville”), in Vacaville, California, than what the concrete facts inform us of. And the facts are: (“The prisoner class is being subjugated under a sophisticated form of genocide! (i.e., “Our standard of care is being met”).

Hospitals, by design, are infrastructures that have been constructed to treat, care for, protect life, prevent significant illness/disability, or alleviate severe pain. [1.]

However, since my arrival to the California Medical Facility (C.M.F.) on September 5, 2017, I have witnessed everything but the protection of life, as it relates to the prisoner class. In addition to those prisoners sent to “X-Corridor,” (i.e., “Hospice”) from every slave kamp in C.D.C.R., to suffer in extreme pain & misery via over-medicating medical prescriptions, while they await their inevitable demise... prisoners are also being maliciously & intentionally deprived of adequate health care via the crucible of “misdiagnosing” prisoners and outright refusing prisoners medical treatment.

I will simply point to two cases, to substantiate my point:

1.) On November 5, 2017, a new Afrikan brutha named Theaudra C. Williams (CDCR #C47938, (V-Wing, CELL#101) also known as “Big Gangsta” from the Los Angeles area, went into a Diabetic Coma for 48-hours and died!! Somehow, this New Afrikan brutha survived this ordeal, by being brought back to life San Joaquin General Hospital Medical Staff. Brutha “Gangsta” attributes his survival to correctional officer S. Wang who found him lying slumped over in his cell, during the “1st Watch (1W) Count, wherein he called out to brutha Theaudra C. Williams numerous times, to which brutha Theaudra was non-responsive. Officer S. Wang then activated his Emergency Alarm, wherein an Emergency Team responded to perform CPR, but to no avail, efforts by CMF’s Medical Staff to resuscitate were unsuccessful.

At no point, prior to this contradiction, did Theaudra C. Williams’s Medical Physician Dr. Petras, perform any tests on this brutha, or recommended that he be examined by a specialist, with regards to, numerous complaints of chest pain, frequent urination, light headedness and so forth.

2.) On 10/22/2018, a second New Afrikan brutha named “Rasheed” (s/n Raymond Jackson CDCR#C-21148, (V-Wing, Cell#243) from the Los Angeles area, was murdered by (C.M.F.) Administrative and their malicious and deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs.

Brutha “Rasheed” had been a kidney transplant survivor for over 25 years, thanks to the compassion of his brutha. “Rasheed” had been incarcerated since 1981, and never had a history of heart problems. But on 10/19/2018, brutha “Rasheed” had begun complaining of chest pains & shortness of breath, and went “Man-Down” twice on 10/20/2018, and again, on 10/21/2018. Each time he went “Man-Down,” and requested medical treatment, our designated Housing Unit Medical Nurse [2.], blatantly ridiculed “Rasheed” openly laughing at him for all to see.

Sunday morning 10/21/2018, “Rasheed” was given “EKG,” and was told:

“Since there was no pain in his left arm and/or the left side of his neck, there was nothing wrong with his heart.”

On 10/22/2018, at 2 A.M. in the morning, brutha “Rasheed” was found dead in his cell slumped over his typewriter, working on a legal petition for the courts.

Brutha’s “Gangsta” and “Rasheed” are well known “Jailhouse Lawyers,” who were a constant ‘thorn’ in the backside of C.D.C.R.! And there is no doubt, that this dynamic was a major factor that contributed towards C.M.F.’s Administrative murdering these bruthas!!! As brutha “Rasheed” was in the process of negotiating a \$1-Million-Dollar settlement with C.D.C.R., at the time of his death!

If anybody knows these New Afrikan brutha’s families, please inform them of the truth, in particular, how C.M.F. Administrative has murdered their loved ones!

In addition, the W.L. Nolen Mentorship Program (W.L.N.M.P) is asking the people, to voice their outrage to C.D.C.R. headquarters [3.] in Sacramento, California, and demand justice for these bruthas!! How many more prisoners must die, before C.M.F. Administrative is held accountable!?!!

***ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT FEAR FREEDOM!!!**

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*REFERENCE NOTES:

[1.] The California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 3350, (b.) (1.); provides the definition for the standard of care entitled to prisoners.

[2.] We have put out an all-points bulletin (APB), to locate and discover the name of his nurse. As she was immediately relocated and/or reassigned from V-Wing, Unit 4, after she murdered “Rasheed.” She has a heavy African accent, dark complexion, & about 5’9” in height.

Just What is a Toxic Prison

Jupiter Allah of IWOC Oakland Leader of N’CICO United Front

There’s a lot of conversation being held around the subject of U.\$. Prisons, both state and Federal, as it relates to the Standard of Living for those who occupy a place amongst the ranks of the Societies walking dead. They who exist in a sort of cemetery state of purgatory for sins quite unknown to the General Public, just what is a Toxic Prison is the question posed to the parties of the conversation on living standards for prisoners. As it never hurts to ask at least one intelligent question throughout the duration of a conversation, it is the objective of this narrative to draw attention to the subject of prisons and their effects on Humanity, Public Health, and Natural Growth and Development of Environmental Systems that Protect Planet Asia/and or Planet X Earth.

There’s nothing new about the struggle against institutions and industries geared at Punishment & Penalty, promoting a culture of torture and abuse as an answer to social conflicts and Humyn errors. Since the very beginning of the practice known now as imprisonment there has been a select few who seriously stood opposed to the practice, even if it was

but those relatives of the imprisoned who sympathized with the subjects of said practice, just as long as there have been prisons there have been those who are opposed to prisons. Those who oppose prisons as of late have been embraced as abolitionist and often find themselves adopting the ideas of prison abolitionist. In the course of their struggles, applying the philosophies of classic abolitionist concepts in the political manner, most prison abolitionists embody a serious conviction that prisons are seriously wrong.

There aren't many who reach this level of serious conviction, this is why so few who adopt the label abolitionist are seriously committed to the current works of the collective abolitionist struggling to spread awareness of its ideas using phenomena like the imprisonment of Strictly Black and Brown population, with whites always being an exception, in a state where whites are the majority population of all things matter. And the majority rules. 'Whites don't shoot whites, 'White Supremacy is a european-amerikkkan birth right, and the 2016-2020 president is a proud white nationalist? White power, hail hitler, and all that other toxic shit. But that isn't the point of imprisonment. Revolutionary culture is what overthrows the political parties who rule in might for lack of social accountability by a politically charged mass organization. Conscious of the reality that the laws of nature matter but the oppressed don't care, because it is no culture to care for. The abolitionist movement has always teased with the idea, but it is the prison abolitionists who have developed a vantage point of which it may level the battle grounds for Humanity. Question is, will the prison abolitionist raise to the level of serious conviction that prisons are seriously wrong.

It is only when this serious conviction is reached as a national consciousness does conviction translate into serious commitment, commissions, committees, communal living environments, communications and/or Communist Political Parties that Protect against anti-naturalist resolution for the survivors of Planet X imperialist bourgeoisification process. This is to illustrate against the age of colorblindness and the salvation of the white-washed mentality. All stages short of this are steps short of victory and amount to disappointment, as is the nature of false hope.

It is when seriously committed to the idea of prison abolitionism that the activist and advocates become more conscious of the material importance of asking at least one intelligent question in the course of a conversation, as to provoke critical analyzation processes that stand as the means of triggering the masses in action, in support of resolving the problem posed in the one intelligent question. Take for example, 'Just what is a toxic prison? This question is posed as a means to draw answers from the general body of prison abolitionist movement to parallel the larger question of prisons and their relations to abolitionism as a whole. This is to puzzle the seriously committed into actions triggered by the answers drawn from wrestling with investigation systems of quantitative progression. Actions that apply sound measures that re-adjust the forces of exploitative power with qualitative productions redistributing

the mineral source of technological manufacturing capabilities. In short, actions that have a practical impact on the condition that allows for there to be Toxic Prisons Questions.

The purpose of this narrative is to illustrate, anybody can initiate conversation and draw connections to ideas like abolitionism. But if there is never a point in the conversation where an intelligent question is raised, where is the conversation going? And what is the point? People need to face the reality of the need to ask intelligent questions, especially prison abolitionism. As to not allow for valuable time and resources to continue being squandered by First World exploiter nations like the U.\$ of amerikkka. Those spoiled members of society, who would rather excuse and justify their privileged positions within society, that allows for excessive consumption of all things and reckless disposal of hazardous waste in all places, they'd rather not face the facts that their lifestyle is exploitative and will waste all the time and resources of the world to elude/avoid the facts.

Toxic Prisons can be just as much as the practices of corrections offices that develop into a counter-productive culture for prisoners, as is the biohazardous waste sites that many of today's prisons are physically constructed wrong on. Sure it is wise for prisoners to draw connections and make comparisons to societal struggles for environmental justice, for example in California, there is an environmental justice struggle that has been waged for several separate fronts against California and its corporate cronies to accept liability for pollutions in the San Francisco Bay Area. The San Francisco Bayview Newspaper published a piece in its June 2019 issue, 'Marie Harrison, Mother of the Movement for Environment Justice, by Editorial Dr. Willie Ratcliff and Mary Ratcliff. In struggle against radioactivity exposure at the Bay Area Community level. There are several parallels that prisoners advocates against toxic prisons must draw from this piece, particularly prisoners in California.

The piece covers a beautiful Mother Earth & Cradle of Civilization by the name of Marie Harrison, writer for the Bayview and Boardmember of the Green Action Environment Justice Organization. This natural garden of Humany and Planet X travelled into the essence May 5, 2019 as a commander in the movement and fight against toxic prisons spread by the U.\$ Navy and PG&E California to communities like Hunter's Point and West Point of California's San Francisco Bay Area, may she find Greater Power in the Revolutionary Happy Hunting Grounds. As her followers review the power moves of this Giant Bey, may it be justice that advocates of the prison abolitionist movement reflect on her jewels as they relate to the opposition to prisons.

'Wake up folks, and don't get caught up in the glitter and nice sounding words. Remember how we got so messed up in the first place. We bought into a dream that in itself was not so bad, but the dream merchant turned out to be a dream taker. We asked for very little of the dream and got even less than that.

Talking about a need for leadership to speak out against false Hope Peddling, the mother continues,

‘Jail has become nothing but a warehouse for men and women that does little more than hold a person in. No longer is any education offered to prisoners. If they get educated while in jail, it is because there is no money for an appeal and they must do their legal work themselves.

‘If you don’t offer something to replace the revolving door in and out of jail, then what you have is never-ending tragedy.’

‘Let’s not sleepwalk this one. We have already let too much pass us by. This time let’s do it right.’

If this isn’t a prime example of drawing parallels between one and the other, Toxic Prisons and Environment Justice activism; Prison abolitionism and the greater struggle to abolish human slavery, there is no hope for humanity. By asking questions like, ‘Just what is a toxic prison?’ All those seriously committed to the struggle waging organized winnable battles with those most related to the cause of suffering, leaders waste less time engaged in conversations that do not intend to further the movement against toxic prisons. In California the movement is real and has been silently developing into a force with less potential of failure each step of the way; leaders in California have first-hand knowledge of what the environmental justice freedom fighter Marie Harrison coined, “caught up in the glitter,” or “dream merchant turned dream taker” and it has set the overall movement to liberate the populations in educational methods that abolish the Power Prisons have over them . One famous case is the case of the 2012 Pelican Bay Hunger Strike to improve conditions at that prison, while drawing attention to the issue of solitary confinement as a source of punishment for political organizing within prisons.

The California hunger strike, and the settlement to mitigate long term solitary confinement drew a large body of public support from the U.\$ and international communities. It had to be one of California Prisoners’ strongest point reminiscent of the 1971 San Quentin and Attica New York State Prison Prisoner work strikes, but it took a lot out of both leaders and supporters of the anti-imperialist/prison abolitionist movement, and an intelligent question must be asked, Did leaders protect themselves against wasting time and valuable resources, man/woman-power being the most precious? Coming to terms with the answers of questions like these surely can prepare leaders and their supporters in the decision to wage the next round of civil attacks against those most closely related to the cause of suffering under Toxic Prisons. Like the prison, substance abuse & treatment facility at Corcoran, SATF. This is the definition of a Toxic Prison.

CDCR (?) SATF-Corcoran for all intents and purposes is a toxic prison, so much so early on in the year 2019 ABC and NBC local news aired a story that raised awareness to the public of collapsed roofing systems at the prison. These collapsed/failed roofing systems have been struggled against with CDCR and SATF for nearly a decade, by prison litigators

with little to zero outside support. These collapsed/failed roofs all of the prison’s 8 facilities expose prisoners to flooded living quarters in the rain season. Waters carrying bird shit and bat piss contaminate the AC/HV systems and Prisoners are forced to inhale whatever bacteria is born from the interbreeding of pigeon and bat germs. This is not to mention the property damage done to prisoners possessions, but instead to draw attention to the failed grievance system of CDCR.

There is a Code of Silence within California’s prison system that is so strong that even may of the so-called political prisoner leaderships honor it, and this is what makes for Toxic Prisons of California. As important as cases of the parole board of prison terms denial of Black and Brown Prisoners are, it does not take precedence over abolishing the Code of Silence. As important as the cases of prison management workers failing to apply good time credits, or medical personnel taxing \$5 copay fee for medical visits or restoring family visitation for lifer prisoners. None of these battles are enforceable by prisoner’s freedom of speech by petition as long as there is a sanction by California senate leaders, assembly-members and senate bill lobbyist/prison reform advocacy organizations, to embrace, condone, and promote a culture of silence on transformative justice, it’s just glitter and dreams sold by the dream merchant.

At prisons all across California like SATF-Corcoran it is so common knowledge of how the Code of Silence works in favor of CDCR Staff, in the event conflict raises between a pig officer and a prisoner as a result of the pig abusing their authority, the pig’s favored remark is often, ‘You don’t like it? Sue me.’ At what point the pig keeps on with their abuse. This is so because it is a pig who processes the grievance system, it is a pig who investigates the claim, and it is a pig who denies all wrongdoing on behalf of their colleague. And in any event that a prisoner can corner an investigator to substantiate a claim against another pig, what then? File a complaint in the City Court? Where the judge is a pig too and great chance is in the judge being fucking cousins with the leading prison pig the prisoner is filing a complaint against. As is the case of a prisoner highlighted in a story published by affiliates of the Ra’Star Far I Prison Ministries (RSF, 8PM) , ‘911 I have a Crime to Report’

Here you have a prisoner who has a long history of political prisoner organizing outside the lense of the corporate news cameras. This individual, an original organizer of the June 6-19th 2011 Hunger Strikes of the Kern Valley State Prison, was solicited by officers of SATF for a Prison-Style Hit-Murder on another prisoner of the same nationality. The report, ‘911 I have a Crime to Report’ was published after the prison officials refused to investigate staff hiring a prisoner to murder another prisoner. In honor of the Code of Silence, the most attention that was given to the claim was, the litigator was transferred to a different prison where they were involved in a racial war instigated by officers (1)

This activist was shot three times, once in the head by CDCR corruption officers, placed in solitary confinement and framed for orchestrating a conspiracy to organize prisoners to assault officers in a riot with staff, all after cornering the prison's internal affairs officers to admit, on paper, that they were illegally placed in solitary confinement as a result of their organizing their United Front for Peace in Prisons protocols.

Only a Code of Silence protects the state from accountability. In conclusion, to answer the question, Just What Makes a Toxic Prison?, consider a different question: Who polices the police under the culture of the Code of Silence?

All Power to the Science!!

Moor Power to the Cipher!!

PHOTOS: IWOC members joined a group of organized wives and family members at a protest outside CTF (Soledad) in early november to speak out against yard reintegration and ongoing repression

